

young men and women from the First Congressional District of New York who have been chosen to serve their country in various branches of the Armed Forces of the United States. These courageous individuals will put their lives on hold to ensure the security and welfare of their fellow Americans. Their unwavering patriotism, dedication to our nation's values and sacrifice in defense of our great nation is inspiring. Each of the following students has my deepest appreciation for their service to our country, and I ask my colleagues to join me in personally recognizing:

Army, Howard Kyle, Bayport Blue Point High School; Army, Jennifer Baez, Bellport High School; Army, Henderson Coppin, Bellport High School; Army, Kelsie Lehmann, Bellport High School; Army, Dominic Nieves, Bellport High School; Army, Alex Martinez, Eastport South Manor High School; Army, Harlee Kealos, Longwood High School; Army, Maria Valdez, Longwood High School; Army, Jasmine Campbell, William Floyd High School; Army, Jocelyn Garcia, William Floyd High School; Army, Katherine Guzman, William Floyd High School; Army, Theresa Nguyen, William Floyd High School; Army, Ashley Troche, William Floyd High School.

Marines, Patrick Alles, Bayport Blue Point High School; Marines, Christopher Feliz, Bellport High School; Marines, Coby Mayfield, Bayport Blue Point High School; Marines, Dominic Donnolo, Center Moriches High School; Marines, Jonathan Berni, Eastport South Manor High School; Marines, Brian Herrarte, Longwood High School; Marines, John Borrero, Patchogue Medford High School; Marines, Edward Calderon, Patchogue Medford High School; Marines, Daniel Fried, Patchogue Medford High School; Marines, James Miller, Patchogue Medford High School; Marines, Joe Tangel Jr., Patchogue Medford High School; Marines, Dominick Caputo, William Floyd High School; Marines, Bradley Ladolcetta, William Floyd High School; Marines, Nick Levantino, William Floyd High School; Marines, Travis Mazza, William Floyd High School; Marines, Marcos Oliverflores, William Floyd High School; Marines, Anthony Pizzuti, William Floyd High School.

Navy, Dylan McCarthy, Bayport Blue Point High School; Navy, Anthony Donnadio, Patchogue Medford High School; Navy, Joseph Rodriguez, William Floyd High School; Navy, Peter Vu, William Floyd High School.

Air Force, Alexander Parris, Bellport High School; Air Force, Julie Pandolf, Patchogue Medford High School.

These enlistees will be recognized on May 17, 2018, at the fourth annual "Our Community Salutes Brookhaven Town Enlistee Ceremony" at Sunset Harbor in Patchogue, NY.

Mr. Speaker, we, as a nation, are extraordinarily grateful to each and every one of these thirty-six individuals for answering the call of duty. Each of these young Americans has our eternal gratitude and we will never be able to adequately repay them for their service to our nation. It is my distinct honor and privilege to represent them and their families in the First Congressional District of New York. I wish them the best of luck in their respective branches and in all of their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District in celebration of its 75th Anniversary of providing much-needed water to communities across the southeastern San Joaquin Valley.

Organized in 1942, the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (AEWSD) entered into its first agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation twenty years later in 1962. Today, the Water District consists is tasked with managing, treating, acquiring, and supplying water to 131,660 acres of agricultural land in Southeast Kern County, California.

Between 1964 and 1968, with support from the Bureau of Reclamation, the District constructed its primary water distribution facilities. Since then, AEWSD has continued to invest in its infrastructure to provide reliable water supply to its members. Among its various infrastructure projects, the District constructed its Tejon Spreading Basin in 1972, the North Canal Spreading Basin in 1999, and various new wells between 1996 and 1998.

The Arvin-Edison Water Storage District is comprised of approximately 132,000 acres of land, encompassing more than 113,000 acres of irrigated crops including vineyards, almonds, citrus, and carrots, to name a few. In 2016, the AEWSD supported over 1.1 billion dollars in agricultural products, nearly twenty percent of agricultural commandeers grown in Kern County.

Today, the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District is led by President Edwin Camp, Vice President Jeffrey G. Giumarra, and Secretary John C. Moore. The District's current Board of Directors also includes Ronald R. Lehr, Howard R. Frick, Dennis B. Johnson, Charles Fanucchi, Catalino M. Martinez, and Kevin E. Pascoe.

Among the District's operations staff are Engineer-Manager Jeevan S. Muhar, Deputy General Manager David A. Nixon, Director of Water Resources Steven C. Collup, and General Superintendent Christopher P. Krauter.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District on their 75th Anniversary and thank them for their years of providing reliable irrigation water to support agriculture in Kern County.

RECOGNIZING DR. JASON CHAO

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of Dr. Jason Chao to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), and I congratulate him on his retirement.

Dr. Chao, Primary Advisor to the Ambassador of the Republic of China on Taiwan (ROC), has been serving TECRO for the past 25 years. Throughout his esteemed career, he

has been the chief congressional liaison officer and the principal escort officer for congressional delegation trips. Many Members of Congress and congressional staff have learned more about Taiwan because of Jason's work.

Dr. Chao has consistently shown wisdom, professionalism, passion, and dedication during his many years of service. He has also been instrumental in helping steer the promotion of bilateral relations and the exchange of cultural and economic growth between the ROC and the United States.

We will miss Dr. Chao, but we are excited for his future endeavors and we offer him our sincere thanks for his many contributions to the U.S.-Taiwan relationship.

NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to commend numerous exceptional leaders from Indiana who were honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame Class of 2018. While there were many deserving nominees, this year's inductees include Dr. Vidya Kora, Bill Hasse, Jeff Strack, Terry McMahon, Scott Albanese, and MonoSol. For their many contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, these honorees were recognized at the 11th Annual Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. The Honorable Eric Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, served as the keynote speaker for this special event.

Dr. Vidya Kora is a general internist with the Franklin Clinic of Michigan City and also serves as a LaPorte County Commissioner. In addition, Dr. Kora is involved in numerous civic, charitable, and professional organizations. His numerous accomplishments are to be commended. Notably, Dr. Kora was especially influential while helping former Governor Mitch Daniels and state legislators expand Indiana's Medicaid program through the implementation of the Healthy Indiana Plan. Dr. Kora has also worked tirelessly to improve the school system in Michigan City and has assisted with establishing a public transportation system, which connects Michigan City, La Porte, and Westville. A longtime area physician, Dr. Kora opened his Michigan City medical practice in 1986 and has maintained an outstanding reputation in his field and his community since that time.

William "Bill" Hasse III became the third generation owner and president of Hasse Construction Company, Incorporated in 1984, after the death of his father, William A. Hasse Jr. Due to his strong leadership and devotion, Bill has been successful in growing the family business. In the 1990's, Hasse Construction diversified and acquired public projects, including municipal and school projects, underground utility work, and projects in the healthcare industry. In addition, Mr. Hasse has continuously given back to the community through his work with the Lake County Economic Alliance, Hospice of the Calumet Area, and the Hammond YMCA, among others.